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COUNTRY PROGRAMME: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This document consists of:

- Comments and Recommendations of the Fund Secretariat
- Country Programme Evaluation Sheet (prepared by the Fund Secretariat)
- Project proposals submitted with the Country Programme

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

1. The Country Programme conforms to the format of the approved guidelines. The Country Programme includes project proposal for the establishment of the Government Commission for the Ozone (institutional strengthening), amendments to legislation consistent with the action plan and an ozone seal.
2. About 98 per cent of the total consumption of ODS (278.2 ODP tonnes) is in the refrigeration (64 per cent) and foam (35 per cent) sectors.
3. Government's action plan includes, *inter alia*, establishing import quotas and tax system for controlled substances and equipment based on ODS, developing public awareness programmes and an ozone seal, organizing training programmes and technical assistance to facilitate the conversion of the industry to non-ODS technologies.
4. The action plan proposes to phase out 20 per cent of the consumption by 1997 and complete phase out by 2010.
5. An amount of US \$155,000 is being requested for an institutional strengthening project proposal, for the creation and operation of a Government Commission for the Ozone under the Under-Secretariat of State for Natural Resources. In addition, US \$38,000 is being requested to create a national seal that identifies ozone friendly products. It is to be noted, that CFCs have been phased out in the aerosol sector in the country since 1992, the only sector in which an ozone seal might have had some impact.
6. The Government of the United States is proposing, as bilateral cooperation with the Government of Dominican Republic, the following two activities; (i) a technical assistance programme in MAC recovery and recycling, and (ii) project preparation assistance. The two activities are being submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Seventeenth Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The Fund Secretariat recommends as follows:
8. To approve the Dominican Republic Country Programme. Approval of the Country Programme does not denote approval of the projects identified therein or their funding levels.
9. In accordance with the Executive Committee decision on implementation of country programmes (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40, para 135), to request the Government of Dominican Republic to provide information on the progress of implementation of the country programme within one year of its approval, and annually each subsequent year.
10. To approve the amount of US \$155,000 and US \$20,150 support costs for institutional strengthening. The activity to be included in UNEP's 1995 Work Programme.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION SHEET

National Implementing Agency: Government Commission for the Ozone (COGO)

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry Force
Vienna Convention (1985)		18/May/93	16/Aug/93
Montreal Protocol (1987)		18/May/93	16/Aug/93
London Amendment (1990)			
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)			

Production of controlled substances: 0 metric tonnes (mt)

Consumption of controlled substances (1993): 288.5 metric tonnes
(excluding methyl bromide) 278.2 weighted tonnes (ODP)

Substance (ton)	CFC						Halon			Solvents			M-Br
	11	12	113	114	115	Total	1211	1301	Total	CTC	MCF	Total	
ODS	69.3	204.9				274.2	0.9		0.9		13.4	13.4	
ODP	69.3	204.9				274.2	2.7		2.7		1.3	1.3	

Source: Country Programme (1995)

Distribution of ODP by substance:

CFC: 98.5% Halon: 1.0% CTC, MCF: 0.5%

Distribution of ODP by sector:

Sector:	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrig.	Solvent
Consumption (tonnes):		97.0	2.7	177.2	1.3
Percent of total:		34.9%	1.0%	63.7%	0.5%

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 3 years (1995-1997)

ODS phase-out target:

20% reduction by 1997. Complete phase out by 2010

Phase-out priority area:

Foam and refrigeration sectors

Cost of activities in country programme: \$180,000

Strategy:

Consistent with economic policies, the Govt. has considered implementation of regulations on the use and handling of ODSs, establishing import quotas, public awareness and training programmes, and organizing technical programmes for industrial conversion.

COUNTRY PROGRAMME PROJECTS

3.2.2 Institutional projects

86. **Project name:** Government Commission for the Ozone.COGO. (see Annex 1.)

87. **Activity name:** Amendments to regulations and legislation
(this activity is included in the Institutional Strengthening Project and is being presented here only for further details)

Title of project: Amendments to regulations and legislation

Sector: All

ODS consumption: 278.35 ODP T.

Project impact: N/A

Project cost: US\$ 12,000

Project duration: 1995-1996

Implementing agency: UNEP

National leading agency: Undersecretariat of State for Natural Resources

Purpose: To introduce amendments to the regulations and legislation consistent with the Country Programme

Year: 1995 - 1996

Description:

To introduce the necessary changes to current legislation so that it be consistent with the intent to end the consumption of controlled substances.

1. Systematizing of the current legislation.
2. Analyzing and debating the amendment proposals.
3. Development of import licenses and quotas.

It will be carried out through calls for tenders.

Cost estimate for the activity *

ITEM	Year 1995-1996	TOTAL US\$
Human resources	9,000	9,000
Attorney 1	6,000	
Attorney 2	3,000	
Material resources	3,000	3,000
Project total	12,000	12,000

The Government's contribution to this project will be in the form of Office space, administrative costs and support to operational costs.

* This budget is included within the Institutional Strengthening Project and is being presented here only for further details.

88. **Project name:** Public awareness Programme (See Institutional Strengthening Project, annex 1)

2. . Project name: Creation of an Ozone Seal.

Title of project: Creation of an Ozone Seal.

Sector: All

ODS consumption: 278.35 ODP T.

Project impact: N/A

Project cost: US\$ 38,000

Project duration: 1995-1997

Implementing agency: UNEP

National leading agency: Undersecretariat of State for Natural Resources

Objective: To create a national seal that identifies ozone friendly products.

Years: 1995 - 1997

Description:

1. To develop the design for an appealing, ecology oriented, Friend of the Ozone seal.
2. Adequate media coverage to encourage a preference for goods which are free of ozone depleting substances.
3. Development of a procedure for its distribution and the encouragement of public preference.
4. To integrate, through this initiative, the private sector and proper certifying organizations.

Cost estimate for the Ozone Seal project.

ITEM	Year 1995	Year 1996	Year 1997	TOTAL US\$
Development of the seal	4,000			4,000
Review of the design Regulation	3,000 1,000			
Printing	6,000			6,000
Dissemination	6,000	6,000	6,000	18,000
Follow up	4,000	4,000	2,000	10,000
Total	20,000	10,000	8,000	38,000

The Government's contribution to this project will be in the form of Office space, administrative costs and support to operational costs.

Annex 1. Institutional Strengthening

Title of project:	Creation of Government Commission for the Ozone.COGO.
Sector:	All
ODS consumption:	278.35 ODP T.
Project impact:	N/A
Project cost:	US\$ 143,000
Project duration:	1995-1997
Implementing agency:	UNEP
National leading agency:	Undersecretariat of State for Natural Resources
Purpose:	Creation and operation of a government commission for the ozone. A technical office for the ozone. Institutional action.

Justification

In order to ensure the achievement of this first stage of the Country Programme, as well as to leave open the possibility (according to the research that can be conducted) of requesting the support for financing the technological reconversion, it has been considered the need to create a technical institutional structure in order to expedite and de-bureaucratize, as best as possible, the implementation of the projects. The creation of the Government Commission for the Ozone (COGO) will make possible the coordinating and controlling the arrangements and the proposed action plan.

Membership of the Government Commission for the Ozone (COGO) will consist of a team of 3 technical officers with an adequate infrastructure, to be provided by the Multilateral Fund, for carrying out their operations.

A consultative group will be created with the membership of representatives from the private sector, NGOs, Universities and representatives from the Departments of the Secretaries of State for Agriculture and Trade and Industry, as a mechanism of consultation with the various groups involved.

Structure and Management

The institution responsible for the implementation of the commitments established by the Montreal Protocol will be the Department of the Secretary of State for Agriculture, through the Department of the Under Secretary of State for Natural Resources. The latter will undertake its mandate through a Government Committee for the Ozone (COGO), whose membership will include six technicians from the Dominican Government as follows: two from SURENA and one each from the following institutions: Industry and Commerce, National Meteorological Institute, National Commission for the Environment and Customs Directorate General.

In addition to COGO, a Consultative Committee for the Ozone (CCO) will be created, whose membership would include representatives from all sectors connected with the importation, distribution and consumption of ODSs, members from COGO, the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, the Honorable Brotherhood of Fire Fighters, and a representative from UNEP/UNDP and any other institution or individual invited to participate in the workings of the Committee. In any case, official membership of the CCO will not exceed 15, in order to ensure its functionality. The Committee will have proportional participation from the private sector (7 members), the public sector (7 members) and one member from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Government Committee for the Ozone (COGO) will have the responsibility of developing, submitting and monitoring the policies concerning the import, distribution and consumption of ODS in the territory of the Dominican Republic. COGO's decisions will adhere to the current Dominican legislation and they will have as an objective the economic development and welfare of the Dominican people.

The Consultative Committee for the Ozone (CCO) will have an advisory function for the benefit of COGO and it will have the responsibility of studying and proposing solutions on all matters relating to COGO. It will be a key agency in the definition of the industrial aspects, the implementation, the transfer of technology and public awareness.

Within the State apparatus, coordination and information mechanisms will be created to carry out the control for import data, technical transfer and implementation through COGO.

The main thrust of the implementation commission (COGO) will be the handling, data collecting, technical information dissemination and public awareness.

It will carry out the coordination for the private sector training workshops and seminars, which will be implemented in maintenance companies and servicing outfits, coordinating the technical reports on education and training aimed at the phase out of the consumption and/or emissions of controlled substances.

Years: 1995-1997

Description:

The objectives of this office will be:

1. To coordinate and control the agreements and the proposed action plan.
2. To propose changes to the relevant legislative bodies.
3. To provide technical support to the relevant ministerial departments of the public sector.
4. To call for tenders from implementing agencies.
5. To encourage voluntary agreements by companies.
6. To provide quarterly reports to the Protocol organizations/bodies.
7. To develop public awareness programmes.
8. To provide reports on annual consumption to the Ozone Secretariat, UNEP.
9. To provide progress reports to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat on the implementation of the Country Programme.
10. To amend existing related regulations and legislation.

Anticipated output: Reduction of 57.7 MT of ODS consumption

Cost estimates for the COGO project

ITEM	1995	1996	1997	TOTAL US\$
Human resources	19,333	19,333	19,333	58,000
Engineer/Coord. 1	12,000	12,000	12,000	
Engineer 2	7,333	7,333	7,333	
Infrastructure	10,000			10,000
Ammendments to regulations and legislation *.	6,000	6,000		12,000
Public information	31,000	13,000	13,000	57,000
Operations	6,000	6,000	6,000	18,000
TOTAL	58,000	48,000	42,000	155,000

The Government's contribution to this project will be in the form of Office space, administrative costs and support to operational costs.

A more detailed description of this activity is included in point 87 of the report